during 2001-02 and this percentage has increased to 9.11 during 2004-2005;

(b) if not, Government's assessment in this regard;

(c) whether Government have found out the reasons for increase in unemployment; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN) (a) As per the Tenth Plan document, unemployment rate of Current Daily Status (CDS) basis for the year 2001-02 was projected at 9.21 per cent and in the terminal year of the Tenth Plan *i.e.* 2006-07, it was projected at 5.11 per cent. The exercise of Mid Term Appraisal of Tenth Plan has commenced but not completed so far.

(b) to (d) Government assess employment and unemployment situation from quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey (NSS) on employment and unemployment. As per the 55th round of NSS, unemployment rate in 1999-2000 was 7.32 per cent of Current Daily Status (CDS) basis. The results of the next quinquennial round survey, the 61st Round, which commenced in July 2004 and will continue till June 2005, are not available.

Annual Growth rate of GDP

†3806. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate of Gross Domestic Product during the Tenth Plan is estimated to be less than the target;

(b) if so, the estimate of annual growth rate;

(c) whether Government have considered any special steps to be taken to increase the annual growth rate during the remaining years of the plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The targeted growth rate of GDP at market prices for the Tenth Five Year Plan is 8.1 per cent. As against this, according to the estimates released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) the growth rate of GDP at market prices (at 1993-94 prices) was 4.1 per cent for 2002-03, 8.6 per cent in 2003-04 and 6.9 per cent in 2004-05.

(c) and (d) The steps being taken by the Government to achieve the targeted growth rate during the remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan are being spelt out in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, which is currently being finalised.

Connectivity to World Heritage Sites

3807. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tourism Ministry requested Planning Commission to provide funds to give connectivity to world heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decisions has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN) (a) There has been no formal request for funds received in the Planning Commission from the Ministry of Tourism to provide connectivity to world heritage sites.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

People Earning Less than one Dollar a Day

3808. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been a sharp decline in the number of people earning less than one dollar a day; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?